



NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Geyserville Fire Station - 20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville, CA 95541

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1. OPENING GREETING:

- a. Meeting Called to Order by President Fred Peterson
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call: Rob Stewart [] Fred Peterson [] Larry Heiges [] Scott Newman [] Pat Abercrombie []
- d. Approval of the Agenda

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: The public is welcomed and encouraged to address the Board at this time on matters not on the Agenda. Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the Board is not permitted to take action on any matter not on the Agenda unless it determines that an emergency exists or the need to take action arose after the posting of the Agenda. This period will be limited to thirty minutes and individual speakers will be limited to five minutes.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. City and Planning Unit Outreach Efforts Update: Committee members Peterson and Abercrombie will report on their progress on working toward a shared vision with the City of Healdsburg at the Healdsburg City Council level.
- b. Strategic Planning Update: Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee members Abercrombie and Newman will announce any updates on the strategic plan.
- c. Fire Station Updates: This time is set aside for comment/discussion on matters relating to the acquisition of land, architectural designs, construction plans, building and landscaping maintenance, funding sources, and site suitability of current and future firehouses.
- d. Policies: The following policies are currently under review and may be discussed and approved during this agenda item: Policy 1041: Members Speech, Expression and Social Networking; Policy 216: Financial Reserves; Policy 211: Procurement Policy; Department Code of Ethics; Policy 104: Responsibilities; Policy 105: Officers of the Board; Policy 201: District Directives.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Introduction of New Policies:
 - i. 204: Liability Claims
 - ii. 205: Electronic Mail
 - iii. 206: Administrative Communications
 - iv. 210: Solicitation of Funds
- b. Cal Fire Grant:
 - i. Approval of Resolution 2023/2024-0921-01 Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement #7GF23078 for services from the date of last signatory on page 1 of the Agreement to June 30, 2024 under the Volunteer Fire Capacity Program of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978
 - ii. Approval of Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Agreement 7GF23078
- c. Resolution 2023/2024-0921-02: Resolution of the Board of Directors Adopting the Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024.
- d. FEMA Grant Bridge Funding: Discussion regarding the need for bridge funding for Cloverdale FEMA grant.
- e. Fire Sales Tax Measure: Update on the status of the proposed fire sales tax measure.

5. **MINUTES:** Review and approval of August 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Review of current and year-end financial reports.
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - a. Review and approval of the August/September warrants to be paid.
 - b. Review and approval of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget.
8. **CHIEF'S REPORT:** Review and questions regarding the Chief's monthly report and any verbal updates on the status of the District and matters pertaining to the operation of the Department.
9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Report from the District's board president.
10. **GEYSERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT:** Report from the GVFA liaison.
11. **NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE JPA COMMITTEE REPORT:** Committee members Stewart and Peterson will report on any updates from the Northern Sonoma County Fire JPA Committee.
12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** This time is set aside to read any letters or related correspondence to the Fire Department.
13. **FUTURE/POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS:** This time is set aside to bring up overview of future/potential agenda items to consider and put on collective radar.
14. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** This time is set aside for comments from the Board members and the public regarding general interest such as special events, parties, announcements, fundraisers, etc.
15. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** Discussion and schedule of the next regular meeting to be held on October 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

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